

Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company

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The May 12, 2015 monthly meeting of the Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Christine Hanson. There were 10 members present with 3 excused.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The monthly statistical have been posted. There were a total of 18 calls for the month of April.

The Chief's report was read and accepted. On April 23rd Guenter Bay was sworn in as our new Assistant EMA Director. The town hall will no longer be issuing burning permits. Burning permits will only be issued at Foster Center if it is a Class II low and raining. For that reason Chief Marsland will not be issuing any permits until the weather has improved. Our station has received at no cost a Humvee which was part of the Fire Fighter Equipment Program. Chief Marsland applied for the Forestry Matching Grant and we should hear shortly if the grant was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted showing a grand total cash amount of \$30,647.46.

Committee Reports

Ways & Means : Balance in the checking account is \$366.00. Due to a scheduling conflict, the wine tasting event being planned for June 6th has been cancelled. The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday May 25th. Our Fire Station will be hosting the refreshment and drink event, and all personnel should report to the station by 7:00 AM to help get the station ready. Catherine will check to see if it will be more cost efficient to serve cookies or to buy donuts. On Monday July 20th the FCVFC will host a fundraiser at the A&W. Our station will receive 10% of the sales and we will be able to keep the tips. Rain date is July 27th. Sue Sprague will keep all members posted as she gets more details.

Building : Charlie Hanson is looking into replacing the side door and has received one quote.

Fire Alarm & Communications : Changed the heat detector in the bunk room to a smoke detector.

Rescue Captain : The heart monitor that our station bought from Ron Fotit is not accepted by the Health Department because it is too old and not up to code. It was purchased for \$350.00. Ron Fotit has a new monitor the state will recognize and a new charger for \$250.00. It still has to be tested. All vehicles are in service.

Training : Going well.

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Leagues : The Woonasquatucket Valley Fireman's League will meet on May 12, 2015.

Engineering Board : The board discussed the Accident & Insurance Policy.

Equipment : 2 LED lights were installed on Engine 4. Engine 3 cascade tanks were inspected and it is back in service. Engine 3's generator has been repaired. The motor on the boat was sent out for maintenance and a tune-up.

New Business : Bill Paul, Guenter Bay, and Barbara Canuel have been assigned to the nominating committee. Nominations will be brought to the floor at next month's meeting and then voted on. Deputy Chief Paul will be planning our banquet. All suggestions are welcome as to where we would like to have it.

An amateur ham radio operator has requested to be able to put his repeater and antenna on our tower. He will pay the electric bill on it which should be around \$100.00. He will also do amateur radio classes here in case our systems fail. The class would be for 7 weeks at 2 hours and 30 minutes per week. A motion was made to accept if this is doable. Cybercon would still need to approve location of the antenna.

Captain Calisle requested that our station look into purchasing an ATV because of the recent fire in Scituate. A suggestion was made to put money away every month into a fund to save for it. A motion was made to have all future fundraiser monies put into this account.

Chief Marsland reported that our portable radios will be obsolete and we will need to purchase more in the future. The cost will be \$1,100.00 per radio. We can lease these radios for \$190.00 for 60 months for 10 and at the end of the lease buy each for \$1.00. Chief Marsland will look into the lease and next month we will revisit the issue.

Bills & Communications : A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bills which totaled \$12,155.49.

Adjournment : A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the May 12, 2015 meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Canuel
Recording Secretary